Bulls To Sell At Auction

BLACKSBURG - Some 135 completely performance tested bulls will sell at auction at two Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) bull test stations in January, a Virginia Tech Extension animal scientist announced.

A. L. Eller, Jr., the scientist, said that on Saturday, Jan. 21, at noon, 65 bulls (35 Angus, 22 Polled Herefords, 3 Herefords, 1 Charolais and 5 Simmentals) will sell at the Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises located four miles south of Culpeper on U. S. 29.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, at noon, 70 bulls (35 Angus, 30 Polled Herefords, and 5 Simmentals) will sell at the Red House Bull Evaulation Center located four miles west of Red House on Virginia 615. Red House is south of Appomattox.

All of the bulls, Eller said, have been performance tested at the Culpeper and Red House central bull testing stations operated by the BCIA headquarted at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. The Culpeper station is marking its 20th year and Red House its sixth, Eller said.

The bulls are service age and are completely performance-tested. Sale catalogs provide complete records, including weaning weight and ratio, 140-day test gain and ratio, adjusted yearling weight and ratio, yearling height, fat thickness, frame and muscle scores.

Sales manager is Vernon Kindig, executive director of the Virginia Angus Association, 909 Landonia Circle, Charlottesville, Va. 22901. Catalogs are available on request from Kindig. Co-sponsor of the sales is the Virginia Beef Cattle Association, whose secretary is Reggie Reynolds, Box 176, Daleville, Va. 24083.

All cattlemen are invited to the sales and to visit the test stations at anytime prior to the sales. The Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises' manager is William Henshaw and the Red House Evaulation Center's is James Bennett.

Both stations will try to provide reasonably - priced delivery service for purchased bulls which can be left at the test stations for later pick-up, Eller said.

EVERGREEN 4-H COMMUNITY CLUB

The second meeting of the Evergreen 4-H Club was held January 12, 1978 at the home of Tambra Hamlet.

Mr. Sweet explained the importance of officers. Afterwards the following officers were elected.

President, Sue Campbell; Vice President, Sheila Carrico; Secretary, Tambra Hamlet; Treasurer, Anita Harvey; Reporter, Karen Stevens; Historian, Becky Campbell; Recreation Leaders, Kim Maxwell and Rebecca Doss; Program and Activity Committee, Sheila Carrico; Dwane Hamlet, Charles Campbell, Anita Harvey, Vicki Haskins, Rebecca Doss, Brenda Haskins.

Mr. Sweet showed us the importance of an achievement record and showed us what all would be needed in it.

Anyone interested in joining our club, our next meeting will be the second Thursday of Feb. at 7 p.m. in the home of Karen Stevens.

Karen Stevens, Reporter

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

At the moment (Monday morning) what Martha Street needs is a lot of slush. My dictionary defines slush as soft, drippy material, such as melting snow. That is it, all right, and it would be preferred over snow frozen over with sleet.

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Severe weather brings out the best qualities in people. Such as lending a hand with the shovel, driving with extreme caution, doubling up on trips for groceries, etc. I made one trip over the week end, and aimed to replenish the larder. Gee, the food stores were busy, and shopping carts were loaded.

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Experts tell us that no two snowflakes are exactly alike. Mighty pretty when seen from the warmth inside, but such snowflakes as I have been able to catch have a tendency to melt before I could examine their shape.

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Repeat . . . our thanks to the power and phone crews for keeping most everybody serviced . . . to highway workmen for keeping roads open as much as humanly possible . . . to rescue squads and firemen for constant alertness and service when needed . . . and to all who meet winter's challenge.

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January is birthday month in Dixie chronicles. Jan. 1, James Ryder Randall; Jan. 8, James Longstreet; Jan. 14, Matthew Fontaine Maury; Jan. 19, Robert E. Lee; Jan. 21, Stonewall Jackson; Jan. 25, George E. Pickett. Also birth month of Paul Hamilton Hayne, Alfred Mordecai, Henry Lee, etc. Edgar Allen Poe's "Raven" was published in January, 1846.

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Whenever it was my fortune to be in New York City, always aimed to attend a show at Radio City Music Hall. It was opened Dec. 27, 1932, and gained fame for The Rockettes chorus line. Seating capacity, 6,200. Now I read that the Music Hall may close after the Eastern Show this year. Supporters are hoping a way will be found to keep the Music Hall open.

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January SOUTHERN LIVING magazine has a feature on what Southerners are reading. Tom Landry, coach Dallas Cowboys . . . "How Should We Then Live, by Francis Schaeffer. Bear Bryant, Alabama coach, Sam Ervin, former N.C. Senator; Terry Sanford, Duke president, etc. are listed. Dean Smith, UNC basketball coach, selects, The Southern Church in Crisis. Amy Carter selects three favorite books . . . Little House in the Big Woods, Heidi, and Stories of Ghosts.

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As for me, a phone call about an incident in the War Between the States, set me to reread Burke Davis' Jeb Stuart, the Last Cavalier. Perhaps no Confederate leader was more glamorous than Stuart. He loved music and kept Appomattox's Sam Sweeney and his banjo with him. Sam was the brother of Joe Sweeney, five-string banjo inventor. My friend who called has a letter written by his grandfather telling of the wounding and death of Stuart. Such letters are valuable and I wonder how many of our readers have letters written by Civil War soldiers. Or have other momentoes, relics and pictures.

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The deer population is somewhat less after the recent hunting season. Appomattox County reported 820 killed, down from 880 last year. Buckingham county, a great county for hunters, listed 1,753 deer killed, down from 1,804. Statewide, the total was 66,797, an increase of 3,126.

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Time to see if I can get my car out of its parking space and into the cleared highway, so, so long, thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

Certificate Presented To Armstrong

Grover P. Beasley, Jr., right above, Chairman of Appomattox County Chapter, American Red Cross, recently presented Armstrong Furniture Company in Appomattox with a certificate of appreciation from the American Red Cross for their offer of the use by the County of Appomattox of their Western Union Communications Unit. Accepting the certificate was William Lowe, Vice President and Plant Manager at Armstrong; and looking on is Ms. Susan Bailey, Personnel Manager.

The Western Union Communications Unit is capable of receiving written messages from the thousands of similar units around the country and internationally. Connected to the Western Union Computer, a message is sent to all units simultaneously.

One of TWX's chief advantages is that it receives messages unattended. It can be used, and Armstrong's unit is used, to notify community of regional or national emergencies or disasters.

Vice-President Announces 1977 Barley & Grain Sorghum Target Prices

Target price levels for the 1977-crop barley and grain sorghum were announced on January 12 by Vice-President Walter F. Mondale.

In remarks to the press at the Wheat Quality laboratories of Washington State University, Vice-President Mondale said the 1977 target price levels will be $2.15 per bushel for barley and $2.28 per bushel for grain sorghum.

"Establishing these target price levels is important for two reasons. First, it extends the principal of treating all producers of the major commodities fairly and equitably. We are using the same components of production costs for barley and grain sorghum that the Administration used in formulating wheat, corn, and upland cotton program proposals to the Congress for the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977. Second, this action means that barley producers will receive a deficiency payment at a rate of 50 cents per bushel, or payments nationally totaling approximately $208 million," the Vice-President said.

Vice-President Mondale also indicated that it will be March before the preliminary determination on the deficiency payment rate for grain sorghum will be made. The final payment rate will be determined in April with payments to producers beginning soon thereafter. Early estimates are that the payment rate will be 35-40 cents per bushel with payments totaling 300-325 million.

"Coupled with the wheat deficiency payments of 1.2 billion, direct payment to grain producers this year will total approximately $1.7 billion. This should help the serious cash-flow problems, that farmers have experienced because of low grain prices," the Vice-President said.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE OFFICE TO OPEN SATURDAY A.M.

The Commissioner of Revenue's Office will be open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, January 28th, to sell business licenses and mobile home licenses, according to Monte W. Mays, Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County.

Central Virginia React Team To Have Coffee Break

The Central Virginia React Team #3007 will have a Coffee Break at the Avalon Club in Appomattox on Friday, January 27 from 7 p.m. until 12 midnight.

Music will be provided for anyone who would like to dance. Free coffee and refreshments will be given away. Tickets will be on sale for a chance on an 8-channel Regency Scanner with crystals, plus a second prize of $50.00 which will be given away.

You do not have to have a CB to come, everyone is invited to attend. Come on out and support your local React Team. See you there!

Letter To Town Manager Urges Law Enforcement

William R. Britton, Jr., Town Manager, has received a letter from B. C. Pierce, District Traffic Engineer, urging the enforcement of the parking laws in the Town of Appomattox.

In his letter to Britton, Mr. Pierce said, "It has been brought to my attention on several occasions that a traffic hazard exists on Route 131 thru the Town of Appomattox as a result of motorists parking on the wrong side of the roadway. The problem exists throughout the portion of Route 131 that was recently reconstructed but appears to be much worse in the vicinity of the Post Office.

"I have personally observed this situation on two or three occasions and I am convinced that this total disregard for the law is creating a serious problem that may lead to accidents and I am hopeful that the town can eliminate the problem through increased enforcement.

"The Code of Virginia states 'Wherever a highway is marked with double traffic lines consisting of two immediately adjacent solid lines, no vehicle shall be driven to the left of such lines, except that it shall be lawful to make a left turn for the purpose of entering or leaving a public private or commercial road or entrance.'

"Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated and it is requested that you advise us as to what remedial action is taken and the results of same."

At the last meeting of the Town Council, members gave approval for town police to enforce this law effective immediately, not only on Court Street but throughout the Town of Appomattox.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE Girls Will Take Orders February 3 - 18

What has become an annual American tradition - Girl Scout cookie sales - will begin in this community on Feb. 3. All girls and adult members of Virginia Skyline Girl Scourt Council will be taking orders for five varieties of cookies and one variety of crackers from Feb. 3-18. This is the first year the Council has included crackers in the sale.

Funds earned through the sale of cookies and crackers are used to help local girls participate in National and International Girl Scout events, to purchase equipment and property in their behalf, and for other Troop and Council activities. Each Troop keeps part of the profit on each box sold by a Troop member for their local program needs.

A Girl Scout sells cookies to help the Movement to which she belongs and to help her Troop and sister Scouts in the Council area to have the best program opportunities available. In addition she receives the satisfaction of doing a service for girls and her community.

Some 70 million boxes of cookies are expected to be sold nationally this year by approximately 2.7 million Girl Scouts. The first nationally - franchised cookies sale was in 1936.

SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET IN WORKSHOP SESSION

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in Workshop Session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Wednesday, February 1, 1978 at 3 p.m. to begin development of the budget for 1978-79.

A REASON FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS - Icy conditions on most secondary roads in Appomattox County, as shown in above photo, is reason enough to have closed schools in our county for the sixth day as of Monday of this week. Although some roads are fairly clean, ice still covers a large portion of secondary roads, making driving conditions hazardous.

WATER BILLS TO BE BASED ON OLD RATE

The Town of Appomattox water bills for December and January will be billed based on the previous rate. There will be minimum billing only for this period, as water meters could not be read due to the icy and snow conditions.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maude's Restaurant.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Richard Carson of Concord, owner of Fire and Safety Equipment Company, Inc. Mr. Carson will present a program on fire safety in the home and in business.

All members of the Lions Club will want to be present for this meeting.

Call Rescue Squad For Emergencies ONLY

With severe winter storms of ice and snow in past weeks and those predicted to come, members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad are asking that you call them only in case of emergency.

Members plan to answer **ALL CALLS** received for assistance but with driving conditions very hazardous throughout the county, it is nearly impossible to travel some secondary roads. If you fell several days ago and hurt your foot, your leg, or your arm, then an emergency does not usually arise in the middle of the night. A call of this nature can wait until morning and you can see your local doctor.

If you saw your doctor in the morning and found that you had flu then more than likely you would not need the rescue squad for the same illness later that day or night. YOU will know if there is an emergency and if there is do not hesitate to call your local volunteer squad members as they want to help.

Members are having to drive very carefully just to get to the squad building from their homes in order to respond to your call for help. They **WILL TURN DOWN NO CALLS**, but be sure you really need the assistance of this organization before you call, especially during these severe winter storms we are having. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

LOCAL RESCUE SQUAD REPORTS CALLS FOR YEAR

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 645 emergency calls during the year of 1977.

In answering these calls, a total of 29,373 miles were travelled by members and they spent 2662 manhours in efforts to assist citizens of this county.

In addition to the hours spent in responding to emergency calls, several hundred hours were spent, also, at stand-by for football games.

Virginia Fibre Corporation employees are proud of the production record for January 11, 1978. From left to right, Billy Hudson, Roger Carr, Jarvis Oxner, Dave Turner, Marlin Simpson, Dick Ward, Paul Hyche and Nathan Smoot are shown.

A Closer Look At Industry

Virginia Fibre Corporation, located at Riverville, Amherst County, has a total of two hundred twenty-five employees. Out of this number, forty of those workers commute from Appomattox County.

While business keeps the dollars circulating in a community, industry represents the introduction of new dollars into that same community.

With forty Appomattox people on the Virginia Fibre payroll, taking home a total of $710,116.80, there are many more from this county who look to Virginia Fibre Corporation for income. I refer to the number of woodcutters who sell to Virginia Fibre.

In looking at the overall picture, Virginia Fibre Corporation has a total yearly payroll for all divisions of $3,955,234.98 and total wood purchases for all divisions amounts to $3,490,111.97.

On January 11, 1978, Virginia Fibre Corporation had a record production day with a total of 613 tons. So, while Virginia Fibre is not in Appomattox County, the county is reaping the benefits from a "Good Neighbor." C o ngratulations, Virginia Fibre. Keep it up!

Vepco Seeks Volunteers For "TOU" Programs

Virginia Electric and Power Company is seking volunteers from its Virginia residential customers to participate in two Time-Of-Usage (TOU) programs.

"These two plans are part of the State Corporation Commission approved program designed to help residential customers contol their bills and to temper the rate of growth in the demand for electricity," said William W. Berry, Executive Vice President. "They are based on charging higher rates for use of electricity during peak periods of demand and lower rates when demand is less. Following the program carefully can lower a customer's bill. In addition, these programs have the potential for shifting some of the demand for electricity from peak periods to off peak periods - thus allowing better use of the most efficient generating equipment," Mr. Berry said.

In the first plan one thousand volunteers will be billed according to both the amount of electricity used and the time of day it's used. This will require installation of a special meter that registers the time of use, the customer's peak demand, and the number of kilowatt-hours used.

"The key to saving on monthly bills depends on how much the customer can shift his use of electricity from on-peak, and more expensive hours, to the off-peak hours," said Mr. Berry.

The second plan involves one thousand volunteers having electric water heaters. A special time-controlled meter that restricts operation of the water heater to off-peak periods will be installed.

"This plan is recommended for customers whose electric water heaters have a large storage capacity and especially for those who have a separate meter base on their homes from the previous special water heater rates. Since water heaters usually account for a large share of total electric consumption this could result in savings for the customer," said Mr. Berry.

APPOMATTOX YOUTH ASSOCIATION PLANS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The organizational meeting for the Appomattox County Youth Association will be held on February 7, 1978 at 7 p.m. at Fidelity American Bank, Hillcrest Branch.

Officers will be elected at this meeting.

Everyone interested in helping in any way is urged to come out and attend this meeting.

CPR COURSE TO BE TAUGHT AT PAMPLIN

A CPR Course will be taught February 6, 1978 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pamplin Fire House in Pamplin. Two Certified Instructors will be on hand to teach the course.

CPR is a great thing to know--it has saved a lot of lives.

The public, fire department members and interested people are invited to come out and take this course.

County Bicentennial Commission To Recognize Outstanding Achievements of Organizations

The Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission, Richard Carter, Chairman, is still active though a great many people have the mistaken idea that Bicentennial activities ended with 1976. Officially the Bicentennial period continues through July 1, 1976-1983.

The Bicentennial Commission, appointed by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, mailed out a letter, "Nomination For Bicentennial Recognition" to approximately twenty-two organizations in the county with the object of recognizing those organizations making the greatest contribution through activity or achievement connected with the Bicentennial celebration. The result was discouraging because so few organizations responded.

The Commission is urging all organizations in the county to carefully review and evaluate any activity or project of Bicentennial nature and report to Mrs. Barbara Williams, c/o P. O. Box 672, Appomattox, Virginia. 24522, in order that the organization might be nominated for recognition. The certificates will be awarded in February of this year.

Memorial Chairman Named For Local Heart Association

Delories Hopkins, Chairman of the American Heart Association for Appomattox County, has named Mrs. Faye Cawthorne, P. O. Box 102, Appomattox, as Memorial Gifts Chairman in Appomattox.

Mrs. Cawthorne explained that a memorial gift to the Heart Association in a living tribute to relatives, friends, or loved ones who died from heart disease. She added that memorial gifts also are given to mark special occasions, such as birthdays and anniversaries.

In addition to honoring those who have died from heart diseases, memorial gifts give hope to the living by supporting research, education and community programs aimed at reducing the toll of heart and blood vessel diseases - the nation's number one killer.

To make a memorial gift, send the name of the person to be honored, your own name and address, and that of the person to be notified. A check or money order also should be enclosed. The address is American Heart Association, c/o Mrs. Faye Cawthorne, P. O. Box 102, Appomattox, VA 24522.

When a memorial gift is received, Mrs. Cawthorne said, an acknowledgement card is sent to the family of the person for whom the donation is made. The amount is held confidential, and a receipt for the contribution, which is fully tax deductible, is sent to the donor.

For information and forms, call 352-5460.

The American Heart Association in our county has had their first meeting of the new year and they feel they are off to a good start. With the help and support of every citizen of the community they will reach their goal.

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